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Brigadier General Sean B. MacFarland

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Brigadier General Sean B. MacFarland recently completed command of Joint Task Force North at Fort Bliss, Texas. The task force is a Department of Defense organization which supports our nation's federal law enforcement agencies in the identification and interdiction of suspected transnational threats within and along the approaches to the continental United States.



His prior deployments and assignments include Chief of the Iraq Division, Plans and Policy Officer, The Joint Staff; command of 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division - the Ready First - in Tal Afar, West Ninewah province, and Ramadi, Iraq; Operations Officer of V Corps; Chief of Future Operations for Combined/Joint Task Force 7 in Iraq; command of 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment at Camp Able Sentry in Macedonia; Aide de Camp for the Commanding General, U.S. Army, Europe, in Heidelberg and Commander of NATO's Stabilization Force (SFOR) in Sarajevo; Chief of the Commanding General's Initiatives Group in Kuwait during Operation Desert Thunder; Operations Officer and Executive Officer of the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, in Schweinfurt, Germany and later Bosnia as part of the NATO Implementation Force (IFOR); plans officer in 3rd Infantry Division; troop commander and squadron logistics officer in 3rd Squadron, 12th Cavalry Regiment, in Buedingen, Germany; Deputy Regimental Operations Officer for the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm; and Cavalry Platoon Leader and Troop Executive Officer in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss, Texas.

His awards include the Combat Action Badge, the Defense Superior Service Medal (with Oak Leaf cluster), the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star (with two Oak Leaf clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (with five Oak Leaf clusters), a Joint Service Commendation Medal, an Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal (with four Oak Leaf clusters). He has earned the Joint Staff Identification Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

Brigadier General MacFarland graduated from West Point and was commissioned as an Armor officer in 1981. His graduate degrees include a Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering from Georgia Tech, a Master of Military Art and Science degree from the Command and General Staff College, and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University.